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Professor Francke in his recent book gives a very complete account of the different manifestations of this situation. Although written at different times and each without regard to the other, the essays of his "*Glimpses of Modern German Culture*" form quite a unity, not only on account of the underlying fundamental convictions,—the same as in the author's well known and valuable book on "*Social Forces in German Literature*,"—but also for the almost encyclopædic diversity of subject matter. And if written under the fresh impression of the moment, they "disclaim explicitly the sober impartiality of second thought," they preserve the vividness of this very moment and its emblematical value. Impressions of the literary movement, which in Hauptmann's and Sudermann's and other works gave an artistic form to the claims of modern life, are interestingly related. Vivid and thorough statements of social life under its various aspects are given in the sketches dealing with university institutions (the Leibniz day of the Berlin Academy of Science), or with matters of wider and more general consequence (the Socialist situation; the conflicts of modern Germany, and impressions of industrial and patriarchal Germany). Although the author himself belongs to the elder generation, and is never blind to the greatness of the past and its representative men (as in his splendid chapter, Bismark as a national type), his position is emphatically for the champions of that "real struggle for civic freedom" whose beginning he thinks not far from us.

The book is an interesting contribution to what may be called descriptive sociology, and to be highly recommended to the student of contemporary European life in its social and artistic manifestations.

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THE COMING PEOPLE. By Charles F. Dole. New York and Boston: Thomas Y. Crowell & Company, 1898. Pp. 209.

"The Coming People" is the title of an attractive little volume containing twelve brief essays on current problems of thought, dealing chiefly with those that have a social and ethical bearing. The author starts out with the beatitude, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth," as his text, and interprets this to mean that by a process of natural, ethical, moral, economic, and social law, goodness and gentleness are destined to become supreme

in all social relationships. With a very liberal theology, the author tries to translate some old religious and ethical doctrines into phrases that make them applicable to modern industrial and social life. His chapters on "Heroism, or Iron in the Blood," on the "Law of Cost," on the "Problem of the Prosperous," are the best in the book, and are full of wholesome, sound doctrine. The author is strongly optimistic without being sentimental and without any evidence of gross ignorance of the sternest facts in modern society.

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